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Airports set for busy month as peak travel season gets underway

Australian airports are all set for the busy holiday period as more Australians take to the skies over Christmas break.

Australian Airports Association (AAA) Chief Executive Officer Caroline Wilkie said airports had been planning well in advance for the peak season to help get passengers' holidays off to a great start.

"While many of us wind down for a relaxing break, airports are preparing for a busy holiday period," Ms Wilkie said.

"Airport staff are working closely with their airline and government partners to ensure travellers have a smooth and seamless start to the Christmas break, whether they're heading off on an overseas trip or going home for the holidays.

"The industry will be ready for increased passengers over the coming weeks and we encourage travellers to plan their journey in advance."

December and January are typically among the busiest times of the year for Australian airports. Last year, almost 28 million passengers travelled through Australian airports in December 2017 and January 2018 alone.

Ms Wilkie said passengers could ensure an easy journey through the airport by following three simple steps:

1. Check with your airline for the latest flight information. You may be encouraged to arrive at the airport earlier than usual on busy days.
2. Plan your journey to the airport in advance, remembering it could be busy on the roads as well. Give yourself plenty of time so you don't have to rush.
3. Check your airport's website and social media accounts for the latest information on what's happening at the airport.

Ms Wilkie said airports had invested in a wide range of improvements over the year, from better facilities for passengers to technology to help people get on their way faster.

The improvements have not only supported continued passenger growth in 2018, but were helping better plan for peak periods such as the summer holiday season.

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